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**CONFIDENTIAL**FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICEOf Special Interest This Week

+ On 14 April the White House Situation Room relayed to FBIS a request from Vice Admiral John Poindexter, deputy assistant to the President traveling aboard "Air Force One," for the text of a 14 April PRAVDA commentary on President Reagan's planned visit to an FRG cemetery for German soldiers killed in World War II. As requested, FBIS London processed the commentary in time for it to be available to the Situation Room before the President's plane touched down at Andrews. Another White House Situation Room request during the week, on behalf of the executive secretary of the NSC, asked FBIS to provide the text of a 12 April BBC television report which cited an alleged secret NSC paper entitled "A Strategy for Central America" and a document on last year's "Big Pine III" exercises in Honduras.

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+ FBIS Panama is continuing to utilize its new ROSET satellite monitoring installation to improve FBIS capabilities against television broadcasts in Latin America. A survey of Colombian television was completed this past week and selected newscasts of Colombian, Mexican and Venezuelan television are now being monitored regularly.

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+ A new remote antenna site for FBIS Mbabane became operational on 12 April. The new site is expected to provide reliable reception throughout the day of important targets including Lusaka and Harare radios and several local South African stations and will improve South African television coverage.

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+ The Consul General in Antwerp has notified the provincial Governor of the presence of a new FBIS translation office in the Consulate, pointing out to him that the facility will offer part-time employment opportunities for local translators. The FBIS unit will operate openly in Antwerp, processing primarily open source S&T materials, but will attempt to keep a low profile by not advertising in the newspapers for contract translators.

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+ The Embassy in Cairo has asked FBIS for a new study of Egyptian press treatment of Israel, updating an in-depth research paper on the subject prepared for the Embassy last year. The current request was prompted by the lodging of a formal Israeli complaint to the Egyptians alleging a recent increase in anti-Israeli material in the Cairo press--a perennial sore point with the Israelis.

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